



Not RCE/2700  
#9

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/30 (10-01)  
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to:  
Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington DC 20231

Application Number	09/467,503
Filing Date	12/20/1999
First Named Inventor	PLOW
Art Unit	2174
Examiner Name	Nguyen, Nhon D.
Attorney Docket Number	ST9-99-007/1281RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

RECEIVED

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

JUL 18 2003

### a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 24, 2003.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Technology Center 2100

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation).

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

07/16/2003 BABRAHA1 00000070 09467503

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

01 FC:1253

930.00 0P

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check No. **5757** in the amount of **\$930.00** enclosed FOR TIME EXT. FEE.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

07/18/2003 SLUANG1 00000004 090460 09467503

01 FC:1001

750.00 DA

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Attorney Name Stephen G. Sullivan, Reg. No: 38,329

Signature

Date

July 11, 2003

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this date: **July 11, 2003**.

Type or printed name

Loretta Rowles

Signature